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1. [] six bombed areas, on the highway between P'yongyang and Hwangju, were repaired. Nine bombed areas between Hwangju and Sariwon were also repaired. The bridge at YC-384686 [] had been repaired with lumber. Approximately five damaged trucks were observed in the vicinity of the bridge, and 23 damaged trucks were along the roads.

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2. []
[] The first truck of a Chinese Communist 25-truck convoy, coming from P'yongyang, unloaded a load of sorghum in hemp bags and filled the hole. The convoy was delayed 25 minutes.

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3. In early June 1953, damaged roads were repaired within 3 or 4 hours. Each road repair team consisted of 40 men, equipped with shovels, picks, and litters. Approximately 10 of the men were armed with rifles. Damaged bridges were repaired within 30 hours, with the help of nearby villagers. On both ends of large bridges, lumber was stored to repair the bridge as it was damaged.
4. In early June 1953, the Taedong River Bridge was open to vehicles, but civilians were not allowed to cross it. Soldiers and government employees were allowed to pass over the bridge if they were riding in vehicles.

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